Indiana Legislature.

[REPORTED FOR THE INDIANA STATE SENTINEL.]

SENATE.

Tuesday Morning, Feb. 1, 1848. Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Ellis moved to amend the standing rules by adding a new committee on the subject of manufactures, which carried. Mr. Orth moved to amend the standing rules by providing

that the members in handing in petitions memorials &c., should be called in alphabetical order, which carried. Petitions were presented by Messis. Green, Hardin, Holloway and Osborn, which were referred to appropriate com- the Wabash and Erie canal. If the State did now own this

Reports from Standing Committees. Mr. Chenowith reported back a bill to vacate a portion

a certain State road therein named, which was engrossed. Mr. Berry reported back a bill to regulate the width of sey, which on its third reading passed. By Mr. Robinson, a bill for the relief of A. Bird, passed to

a second reading.

Mr. English reported back a bill incorporating the Knightstown and Shelbyville railroad company, with an amendment

ment which was concurred in, and the bill engrossed. Also a bill incorporating the Portland and Ohio railroad company-engrossed.

Mr. Orth reported back a bill giving additional powers to the president and trustees of the town of Lafayette-en-Also a bill to amend an act for the continuance of the Madison and Indianapolis railroad to Lafayette, without

Reports from Select Committees. fer the discovery of the causes of milk-sickness-concurred

By Mr. Hardin, a bill to incorporate the Demosthenian literary society of Franklin college, which was passed. By Mr. Millikin, resolving that the names of members moving for adjournments, should be placed on the journals. Mr. Orth moved to amend by inserting the time at which

amendment and the bill was engrossed.

the adjournment was made. Mr. Hardin moved to lay the resolution on the table which was lost, ayes 10, noes 32. Mr. Barbour moved to amend by adding that the name of each member speaking, and the time he speaks be also placed

on the journals. Mr. Ellis moved to lay the amendment on the table, lost. The question being on the adoption of the resolution it was adopted.

Bills Introduced. By Mr. Beard, a bill to incorporate the Lyceum of Wabash college, which was read three times and passed. By Mr. Houghton, a bill to authorize the con of Daviss county to employ a physician, &c.

By Mr. Martin, for the relief of Margaret Wade. By Mr. Orth, a bill authorizing the sale of a school section in Tippecanoe county.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. Several bills were taken up, and on their second reading engrossed or referred to appropriate committees. A bill changing the venue in the case of the State of Indiand vs. Willis M. Miller, from the county of Daviess to the county of Greene, was taken up, read a third time and passed.

Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. laid on the table.

The orders of the day were then resumed, and several the State. He could not vote for the bill. bills were read a second time and engrossed or referred. meassge being the special order of the day for 3 o'clock, the Senate resolved itself into committee of the

whole for its consideration. ther considering the message.

An act to amend the revised statutes of 1843, in relation to last wills and testaments; a bill incorporating committee on corporations. the town of Huntington; for the relief of A. G. Selman; to incorporate the Portland and Ohio railroad company; regulating the retail of ardent spirit in the counties of Gibson and Posey; dispensing with the necessity of seals in all instruments of writing.

After the passage of this bil! Mr. Millikin moved to reconsider the vote; this gave rise to considerable discussion, and the question being put on the reconsideration, was lost, ayes by J. G. Johnson, of Owen county; changing a road in Jack-A bill authorizing the commissioners of Lagrange county,

to sell the county seminary in said county; a bill to incorporate the Milton and Waterloo tumpike company; a joint resolution relative to the national road; a joint resolution relative to a mail route from Bloomington to Salem; to provide for draining swamps in Jay and other counties. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TUESDAY, Feb. 1st, 1847.

Huose met, and a call of the House was ordered. The question under consideration was the passage of the bill providing for the organization of the Militia of

the State; passed, ayes 50, noes 41. Mr. Harvey moved to suspend the order of business and the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the school bill; carried, Mr. Meredith in the chair. After considerable consideration of the bill, and some few amendments made by the committee; on motion of Mr. Cookerly, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again; granted, and on motion the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. An act amending an act incorporating the White Wa-

ter Valley Canal Company; passed. Orders of the Day-Bills Passed. A bill incorporating the Tarre Houte, Vincennes and

Evansville Railroad, being on its second reading, Mr. Wolfe said it was intended at first that the Wabash and Erie Canal should pass along the valley of the Wabash river. But the course was changed-it takes an almost direct eastern course to Point Commerce. The people of Sullivan county had no means only what they furnished themselves. All they wanted now was leave to supply their money, and use it as they thought best to their own interests. They had that right-it had not been conceded by the Butler bill. Bills incorporating other amendment which was concurred in, and the bill read a first companies in the State, had been granted this winter, time. why should this be refused? This contemplated route people of his district that they had conceded all right to do what was for their own good, to accommodate the fancies of any. The road would benefit the whole State: true it only runs through five counties, but the most remote county was benefited. This is an age of improvement—the whole country was improving—then give us, said he, the same privilege; do not debar us of our rights. Are not gentlemen willing to aid the people of my district, aid us in opening a way to get rid of our surplus produce. We have assisted others. There is no other county in the State said he, so badly situated as his country as regards the means of carrying off the produce of the country. These works are benefiting the whole State -the whole west. What was the State, few years since? -a forest. Cities are now placed, and intelligence diffused where the howl of the wild beast resounded. Let a liberal spirit be displayed. He was willing the owners of the canal should be jealous of their rights; but they should also be generous, not keep all, dog-in-the-manger- St. Louis railroad company-referred. like ; but while their interest is not to be trampled upon,

people. This contemplated grant was an infringement referred. upon the rights of the canal. The whole "pocket" was interested in the canal. There was something at the an act for the relief of purcassers of canal lands. buttom of the whole scheme of this railroad. Why this railroad along side the Wabash river, where thousands are spent rendering it useful. There was no use in this contem- county; to vacate a part of a State road in Tippecanoe plated road; it was trespussing upon vested rights of the ca- county; for the relief of members of the Wabash fire comgreat town of Evansville," would most effectually damn But, give the bondholders an opportunity, by infringing, by trampling upon their rights, and they will withdraw from the arrangements made with them by the State. The people of the portion of country through which the

let them not refuse justice.

Mr. Terry said, arguments to the merits of the matter at law in the Indiana University, relative to exemption from should only be used. The arrangements made with the payment of tuition; to revive an act to amend an act incurbondholders, relative to the canal, could not be violated with | porating the Perrysville and Danville railroad company. impunity by the people of this State-faith must be kept. He did stand in this matter pledged to his constituency. It was supposed by the people of his county, that an attack would be made upon the southern part of the canal. He did not know but Charles Butler, or some one else, was at on the passage of the bill giving to justices of the peace the bottom of this project, that an opportunity might be had, additional jurisdiction in criminal cases, Mr. Osborn mov-to fly from the arrangement of last winter. The bond- ed several amendments, which were adopted by unanimous holders, could come up, if this bill passed, and demand a release of obligation. Where was the capital to come from, to construct this railroad? Vincennes would not furnish one cent. But the gentleman from Sullivan had raised a legal issue with him; suppose they (the bondholders,) did fly from the arrangement; if they did so the whole debt was paid, was taken up, and on some statements being made that it says the gentleman! Was this so? There had been a con- was considered and acted on as having passed and receivtract entered into with them, granting them all the appur-tenances, and privileges pertaining to the canal. Here Mr.

T. read the 8th section of the "Butler Bill." By the pass-age of this bill the State would be the party violating the contract, thereby thus releasing the bondholders of their obligation. Was not this so? Certainly. He cared not upon what ground this movement was placed, whether by the bondholder's agent, that they be released from their obliga-

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canal, and was progressing with it, would this bil! to charter this railroad have been presented? Would it not have been

rejected? Most certainly.

Mr. Blythe would not jeopardize in the least, the arrangement entered into with the bondholders. Mr. Terry was no roads and highways in the counties of Vanderburgh and Po- more instructed by his constituents relative to this matter, than he himself was by his constituency. He would always be for maintaining to the letter, aye, to the spirit, the contract with the hondholders; holding them, as well as the State strictly to the contract. Yet he saw no breaking down of this arrangement; where is the proof that by passing this which was concurred in, and the bill engrossed.

Mr. Millikin reported back a bill incorporating the Richmond and New Castle railroad company, with an amend-State would be violating the contract with the bondholders; the position, had been attempted to be proven by the 8th section of the Butler Bill. By that same section he would show the negative to the position assumed by Mr. C. Was there a monopoly of the resources, and the wealth of that part of the State granted by that act to the bondholders? No sir. They stand only in the place of the State. So long as the State legally speaking, observed the terms of that contract, so long could the State hold the bondholders bound. Was the act showing a grant, of more than a right of property, as By Mr. James against the expediency of offering a reward granted by the Butler Bill. So long as that contract is observed, so long are the bondholders liable. Mr. Blythe here illustrated his position by supposing as a tabacco manufac-turist he should sell out his manufactory, would that prevent the erection by him, of another manufactory right by the side of the one just sold? How is this contract violated? It is assumed, that by the construction of this railroad, of course an injury will result to the canal. This route did not run parallel with the canal-there was also a distance of forty miles between portions of the two routes—they terminate at the same place, but widely differ. The counties was tich, progressing rapidly, unparalleled even in the history of the west. Members must look to the future, they must calculate for the growth, and prosperity of the country for the future. The time is not far distant when the wealth, and the population, and resources of the southern portion of the State, will demand something at the hand of the State beside the canal. Why then not begin in time? He did not wish to excite jealousy against our bondholders; but he saw great danger of binding hand and foot the interests of the State, and place them at the feet of the bondholders. He

warned members of it! Beware! Mr. Orton said if there were any objections to this bill, it was not that it was a local measure, for it interested the whole State, it affected the arrangement with our bondholders. The whole objection lays in a small compass:-in the "Butler bill,"-in the deed of grant. The bondholders by the bill, was in the place of the State, in that it was provided that they the bondholders were to enjoy the rights and priviges of the State, and have all the powers that the State could have, and do about the canal the same as the State. Would the State permit this railroad by the side of the canal? How was it in New York? there the State in granting the charter The President laid before the Senate a communication dize or freight only when the canal could not. Even if such a from the Governor, responding to a resolution of the Senate clause was in the bill, still it would be objectionable. It is relative to the pay of T. B. Kinder, for services rendered as said that the "Butler bill," does not forbid the construction private secretary to the Governor, &c., stating that Mr. of railroads? It was too late to speak of the "grant of the Kinder was never appointed private secretary, but acted monopoly" erected in our midst. Would it have been less if merely as executive messenger, and received all the com- the State owned it. He thought this the most important pensation that the agreement made between the executive matter brought before the Legislature this winter, the school and him, entitled him to receive. The communication was bill even not excepted By it there was danger of releasing our bondholders, thus placing again a monstrous load upon

Mr. Short thought this bill affected the interests of the mighty incumbus weighed upon the State,-last winter this incumbus had been taken off, the cloud of despair had been The different portions of the message were referred to ap- scattered; were members of this session, again to gather propriate committees, and the committee after having been that gloomy cloud? Why the public works constructed? It in session for some time rose, and were discharged from fur- was to join great points of commerce. The canal did so. By the terms of the contract, the faith of the State was plighted The orders of the day were again resumed, and the follow- -was that faith to be broken? This canal paid off one half ing bills were read a third time and passed, unless otherwise of the debt. A great drain was upon the State-was it not the interest of the people to stop it.

Mr. Miller moved to refer with instruction the bill, to the Mr. Lane moved to lay on the table-carried. The question then was taken on the engressment; not

carried, ayes 31, nays 60. A bill authorizing a change in certain roads therein named; a special act, for the construction and improvement of roads in Switzerland county; authorizing an amendment of a deed son county; incorporating the Council Grove minute men; repealing certain laws and explanatory of the laws relating to fees of certain officers, was laid on the table; locating a road in Owen and Clay counties; amending art. 3, chapter 11, of statutes of '43; regulating the sale of aident spirits in the county of Floyd. It was moved to indefinitely postpone

Mr. Stanton opposed its progress.

Mr. Windstandley desired the bill to pass, a majority of his constituents desired the law, and the House would be but complying with the wishes of his constituents. The bill was not indefinitely postponed, ayes 36, noes 52. And the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1848. Petitions were presented by Massrs. Martin and Stewart,

Reports from Standing Committees. By Mr. Perry, against granting the prayer of sundry citizens of Ripley and Dearborn counties-concurred in

By Mr. Robinson, against granting the prayer of J. B. Mattocks for relief-concurred in. By Mr. Howell, a bill authorizing the sale of the old State prison, read a first time.

Also against further action in regard to the official conduct of the superintendent of the State prison, and the office of Warden-concurred in.

Mr. Hudbard reported back a bill incorporating the Connersville hotel company, with an amendment which was concurred in, and the bill engrossed. Mr. English reported back House bill, to amend the act incorporating the College Corner and Liberty turnpike com-

ny-read a second time and referred. Mr. Green reported back the bill to revive an act, incorporating the Lafavette and Danville railroad company, with an amendment which was concu sed in and the bill referred. Mr. Millikin reported back the House bill, incorporating the Brownstown and Scipio turnpike company, with an

Mr. Howell reported back a bill for securing a correct suinterfered not with the canal-it was not thought by the pervision of the State prison, and the bill on its third reading Mr. Millikin reported back a bill to amend the act incor-

porating the Lafayette insurance company, which was en-

Reports from Select Committees. Mr. Winchell reported back a bill leaving it discretionary with the commissioners of Delaware county, what compensation they should receive for making their returns-referred. Mr. Davis reported House bill, abolishing the office of school commissioner, in the county of Floyd-passed.

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Green, inquiring of the committee on corporations, into the expediency of passing a law prohibiting incorporated companies, from contracting debts beyond the means of the company to pay, adopted.

Bills Introduced. By Mr. Henry, a bill to amend the statutes of 1843, relative to suits and proceedings in chancery-referred. By Mr. Hubbard, a bill to incorporate the Cincinnati and

By Mr. Rosseau, a bill for the relief of John S. Watts-re-Mr. Graham felt great interest in the matter; so did his By Mr. Stewart, a bill relative to the city of Indianapolis

By Mr. Cassatt, an act suplementary to an act to amend

Bills passed on third reading. A bill changing the name of Granville, in Tippecanoe pany in Lafayette; to incorporate the Tippecanoe Guards, of Tippecanoe county; to incorporate the Huntington, Kosciusko and Whitley tumpike company; to provide for a free turnpike road, in Steuben county; to change the time of holding the commissioners court, in Jefferson county; to

change the time of the Franklin probate courts; to provide for summoning petit jurors, in the county of Johnson; for the road was contemplated, were opposed to it. He called upon the members to reflect upon the subject before marsh and wet lands, in the counties of Jay and Allen; to amend the revised statutes of 1843; in relation to students Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The question pending at the time of adjournment being

bondholder's agent, that they be released from their obligation, by others or not. Pass this bill, and you will have just
placed the State of Indiana on the list of tax paying States
—have again placed a debt of some twelve millions over
the heads of the people, and of generations yet unborn.

The Governor had looked as he usually did, in all subjects
deeply, and what does he say? Here Mr. Terry read an

wille; prescribing the duty of petitioners for the incorpoextract from the "annual message" of the Governor, secom-mending the arrangement with the bondholders relative to Library Institute; to explain and amend an act for the

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crease the pay of Judges of Probate in said county; a joint revenue fund. n in relation to reducing the price of our public lands; authorising the vacation of towns, streets, and allevs, laid on the table; to receive an act to locate a state road from Salem to Bedford ; fixing the corporate limits of the town of Lafayette; to authorize the commissioners of the present session of the General Assembly. the canal at Lafayette; to provide for the taxing of estates was lost, ayes 6, noes 37. in dower; in relation to certain school lands in Floyd county; in relation to the law prohibiting Indians from selling lands in this State.

A bill to incorporate the Lake Michigan, Logansport and Ohio river railroad company; to aid in the settlement of the estate of John Symmes deceased; prescribing the manner of paying and assessing taxes on individual stock in the Madison and Indianapolis railroad; for the improvement of highways; to vacate a portion of a certain State road in Vermilion county; fixing the time of holding the terms of the Daviess probate court; to incorporate the Madison and Browns-towh sailsoad company; extending the time of the probate ourt of Madison county; to incorporate the Attica and Warren county bridge company; to authorize the commis-sioners of Jay county to borrow money; for the relief of the surities of James H. Kidner late commissioner of Cass county ; to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Rushville; to incorporate the Rickmond and Hagerstown turnpike company : for the relief of certain persons therein named in Monroe county; to incorporate the Steuben county medical society; to incorporate the Wildcat turnpike compa-ny; to revive and amend an act to incorporate the Crawfordsville and Wabash railroad company.

Several bills were taken up on their second reading and referred or engrossed. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WEDNESDAY MORNING, Feb. 2, 1848.

The bill amending the act incorparating the Terre Haute Railroad Company; passed.

Leave given Mr. McDonald of A. to report a bill changing a part of the Fort Wayne and Indianapolis State road, in the counties of Wells and Whitley; which passed. Also a bill was reported incorporating the town of

chester; passed. By Mr. Dougherty, of a bill constructing a Railroad from Martinsville to Franklin-passed; by Mr. Sullivan, of a bill amending an act incorporating the Ohio Raitroad Company the town of Peru. -passed; by Mr. Kinney, taking a list of children for school purposes in Perry county-passed; the messages of the Sen-ate were taken from the table, and the following

Bills Passed. A bill incorporating the Eel River Manufacturing Compay at Logansport; incorporating the Monticello Hydraulic Company; amending an act authorizing the people to regulate license to retail spirituous liquors; incorporating the Rushville and Lawrenceburgh Railroad Company; incorporaing the Crawfordsville and Indianapolis Railroad Company; incorporating the Madison and Brownstown Turnpike Company; incorporating the Fairfield Hydraulic Company; in-corporating the French Lick Steam Mill Company; relative to the Vincennes University against the State of Indiana; abolishing the office of school commissioner in Putnam county; incorporating the Ripley County Medical Society; For vord and — King; by Mr. Dole, establishing an additional the relief of Patrick McGinley; legalizing the acts of the place of holding elections in Health township Vermillion Company; authorizing the sale of school lands in Jay coun- | Hamilton township Jackson county. ty; for the benefit of Waller and Green; changing the name of Case of --- in Green county; vacating a portion of addition to the town of Lafaverte; for the relief of changing the name of Springfield in Whitley county to Cherry Valley; for the relief of Michael Hedgin and others

of Fort Wayne. And the House adjourned,

AFTERNOON SESSION. Bill's Passed.

A bill providing for the organization of Fire Compa-

Leave granted, Mr. Dole reported a bill incorporating the Lafayette, Monticello and Michigan City Railroad Company, which passed.

A bill changing the name of William Jackson to William Jackson Morgan; authorizing the sale of certain real estate by the board of commissioners of Elkhart | court in Knox county; ordering an election for an additioncounty; authorizing a mill dam over the Mississineway at justice of the peace in Grant county; authorizing the river; incorporating the town of Huntington; incorporating the Portland and Ohio Railroad company; authorizing the sale of a certain building in Lugrange coun y, used formerly as a seminary; incorporating the Milton and Waterloo Turnpike Company; relative to a mail

route from Salem to Bloomington.

A resolution of the Senate, that the Legislature ad journ sine die on the 14th instant. Mr. Lane moved to lay on the table-not carried, ayer

Mr. Covington moved to amend by inserting Wednes-Mr. Parker moved to lay on the table-carried, ayes 69, noes 21.

Mr. Parker then moved to reciprocate the resolution of the Senate; withdrawn. Mr. Williams of K. moved to postpone the considera

next Tuesday; carried.

The House adjourned.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, February 3, 1848. Mr. Handy offered a resolution prohibiting smoking in the Petitions were presented by Messrs. English, Millikin, Marsh, Henry and Winchell, which were referred to appro-

Mr. McCarty asked for leave of absence for the remainder of the session after Saturday next, which was granted. Reports from Standing Committees. Mr. Morrison reported against further action on the subject of the interest on the State debt, due in January last, law they were bound to do. And although called upon by there having been an arrangement made for its payment-

Also a bill for the relief of sufferers by high water on the White Water river, recommending its indefinite postponement-concurred in. Also a bill providing for reappraising of lands in Howard

Also a bill to dispose of the Georgia lumber lands, belonging to the State of Indiana, which was laid on the table. Mr. Malott reported back a bill amending the statutes of 1843, in certain respects which was indefinitely postponed. By Mr. Murray, against the prayer of certain petitioners of Harrison county, concurred in.

can war, recommending its passage-concurred in. Mr. Miller reported back a joint resolution relative to the admission of students to the West Point military academy, those rights. Mr. Cole continued at considerable length. recommending that it be laid on the table-concurred in. By Mr. Berry, an act authorizing the commissioners of And ordered to be engrossed.

Orange county, to dispense with a road tax, which passed on its third reading. By Mr. Hardio, recommending the passage of a bill to reinstate the vacated streets of the town of Indianapolis. The bill passed on its third reading.

Mr. Murray reported against the passage of a bill for the relief of Robert Earl, which was concurred in and the bill indefinitely postponed. Mr. Millikin reported back a bill incorporating the Ohio and Mississippi telegraph company without amendment, and the bill on its third reading passed.

Reports from Select Committees. Mr. Conduit reported back a bill authorizing Rudolph Siler, to reliequish his title to certain school lands, which was Mr. Day reported a bill to change a certain State road

the county of St. Joseph, read a first time. By Mr. Martin, a bill extending the provision of the 16th tion of this road, with the expectation that Salem would chapter of the revised statutes of 1843, to Lagrange county, be a point, and would virtually always remain a point. read a first time. Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Conner, that the committee on finance report :

last session—adopted

By Mr. Barbour, that a select committee of one Senator from each Congressional District, be appointed to inquire into the amount of mileage each member is entitled t -- adopted, amendment, By Mr. Rosseau, that the financial committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salaries of our supreme and circuit judges, adopted.

Bills on first reading. By Mr. Berry, to amend an act relative to county asser prs-passed.

By Mr. Miller, a bill relating to county Auditors Also a bill to amend an act incorporating the trustees the Owensville public house-passed

ment of damages occasioned by the continuation of the con-struction of the Wabash and Eric canal. Bills passed on third R-ading. A bill to incorporate the Richmond and New Castle railroad company; to incorporate the New Castle and Knightstown tailroad company; to provide for the continuation of
the Madison and Indianapolis railroad to Lafayette; to
amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lafayette
Insurance company; giving additional powers to the president and trustees of the town of Lafayette; to revive an act
entitled an act incorporating the Danville and Lafayette
railroad company; for the relief of certain persons therein
named; to legalize the survey of the city of Fort Wayne;
for the benefit of the Auditor of Grant county; for the relief
of J. and E. L. Beard; to incorporate the Postland and Ohio

Relative to the company in general, and he could not
see apon what principle of justice one point in the road
demanded such a sacrifice of the interests of the whole
company.

After further remarks frem these gentlemen, the House
refused to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Dunham then moved to strike out that section in
the bill which gave to the company the power to extend
the road beyond Salem, which motion prevailed, and the
bill, as thus amended, passed. A bill to incorporate the Richmond and New Castle rail-

relief of purchasers of Saline lands in Orange county; to river railroad company; to amend article S, chapter 13, of authorize the commissioners of Lagrange county to in- the revised statutes of of 1843, in relation to the surplus Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr. Barbour from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the different distances for which Senators were entitled to receive mileage in coming to, and returning from,

Tippecanoe county to pay for the erection of a bridge across Mr. Cassatt moved to lay the report on the table; which The question being on the adoption of the resolution contained in the report, it was adopted.

House bills passed on third reading. A bill to amend an act to establish a State road on a portion of the dividing line between Steuben and DeKalb counties; to change the time or holding the Probate courts in Clark county; authorizing the sale of certain school lands in Franklin county; to provide for assessing and collecting a road tax on land and town lots in Madison county; providing for the sale of certain school lands in Dearborn county; to enable the supervisors of Scott county, to make their ienort to the board doing county business, on the 1st Monday in March; to extend the time of payment for certain school lands in Miami county; to amend an act to make speculators pay a road tax equal to actual setlers; for the relief of the surplus sevenue fund of Decatur county; granting additional pay to the probate judge of St. Joseph county; to pro-vide for the selection of petit jurors, in the county of War-ren; to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, in the counties of Lake and Poster; to fix the time of holding the probate courts in the county of Putnam; to provide for the election of supervisors in the counties of Wabash and Miami; an act for the selecting of jurors in the county of Dela vare; to authorize the trustees of a school district in Elkhart county, to raise an additional tax; an act authorizing the trustees of a certain school district in St. Joseph county to lay a tax for the purpose of building a school house; incorporating the botanic medical society of Decatur county: to incorporate the Laporte female seminary; an act to amend the revised statutes of 1843, in relation to paupers; relative to road tax in Perry county; for the relief of James Hardin, of Warrick county; a joint resolution relative to the reduction of postage on newspapers and periodicals; to amend an act incorporating the College Conner and Liberty turopike company; to incorporate the Connersville Hotel company; to incorporate the Brownstown and Scipio railroad company; leaving it discretionary with the commis-sioners of Delaware county, what compensation they will allow supervisors for making their returns; to incorporate

On leave granted, Mr. Martin from a select committee to whom was referred the bill incorporating the Laporte and Michigan city railroad company, made a report amending the bill by striking out and inserting an amended charter of the Buffalo and Missi sippi railroad company, which was concurred in and the bill passed.

Several bills were read a second time and referred or engrossed. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, Feb. 3rd, 1848.

Bills Introduced.

auditor of Steuben county for the year 1847-8; locating a county; by Mr. Wolle, repealing an act relative to the cen-State road in De Kalb and Steuben counties; repealing an tral canal; by Mr. Cuble, authorizing - Frisbie to build a act incorporating the town of Greensburgh; amending an bridge across Big Blue river, at Milliown in Crawford coupact incorporating the Knightstown and Shelbyville Railroad ty; by Mr. Ford, authorizing additional places of voting in Orders of the day-Bills passed.

A bill authorizing the board of commissioners of Madison county to do a certain act therein named: relocating a the heirs of Anthony Sheets of Carroll county; authorizing State road in Delaware county; relocating a State road in Mathias Peterson to convey water into the city of Lafayette; Clinton and Howard counties; regulating the sales of ardent spirits in Centreville; to incorporate the town of Clinton in Vermillion county; repealing an act giving the voters of Marion county, a right to vote relative to granting license for sale of ardent spirits-Mr. Harding moved to lay on the table-carried; incoporating the Cambridge and Milton turnpike company; relative to the State Library, for the purchase of the portrait of Gen. Washington; repealing an act fixing the time of holding probate court in Ripley county; legallzing the act of the probate judge of Lagrange county; relative to the duties of auditor of State, and commissioner of sinking fund; relative to ditching in Adams and Wells counties-laid on the table ; in reference to the fees of the clerk of Sullivan county; for the relief of Dempsey Linton of Randolph county; reducing the fees of the clerk in the probate board of commissioners in Dubois county to levy or dispense with a road tax at discretion; for the relief of Syria Aldridge; for the relief of purchasers of school lands in Clinton and Carroll counties; providing for the record and survey of roads in Elkhart county; a joint resolution of sympathy with Pope Pius IX.

A bill in relation to the saline lands in this State-was referred to the judiciary committee. The bill compeling the truatees of the Wabash and Erie canal to allow interest on scrip, be engressed-Mr. Dole

moved to refer to the committee on causis. Mr. Cole said he was opposed to the reference. A reference was but another name at this period in the session

for defeating the bill. The "Butler bill of last winter provides that the scrip shall not be received by the trustees at less than its face and the interest due thereon, yet it was notorious that tion until next Monday-not carried-moved to say their clerk in the land office at Logansport had refused to ext Tuesday; carried.

A joint resolution relative to the State Historical Soupon this floor were particularly sensitive upon every measure which requires or even intimates that the bond-holders

should perform their part of the contract. Scarcely a measure, however unimportant had arisen in this House during its present session, that the question had not been asked, "whether it did not interfere with the rights of the bend-holders." While gentlemen guarded with such peculiar care the interest of the bond-holders, they should look to the rights of the citizens of the State. The State has complied on her part, but the case is otherwise on the part of the bond-holders. They had not only refused through the trustees to allow the interest on this scrip, but they had refused to re-appraise the canal lands as by the a resolution he had introduced at an early period of the session, they had not informed us whether they intend to do so, and had not even referred to the matter in their

report. They had also refused to forward duplicate certificates that patents might issue from the proper State aucounty, with several amendments, which were concurred in thorities for canal lands. These matters and others of a similar character were calculated to arouse the fears of the individuals interested that they were, as they were told by some when this bill passed, "sold out house and home to the British bondholders." While the citizens of the upper Wabash are willing to render any proper assistance to the State in car-Mr. Read, reported back a joint resolution relative to rying out the agreement, they will at the same time claim increasing the pay of our officers and soldiers in the Mexi- their rights, and as the representative of a large and respectable portion of those citizens, he would while he had a sent upon this floor have the independence to assert

> And the House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Passed. Incorporporating the Boonville and Ohio Railroad; authorizing the sale of the Library of Decatur county; extending the provision of an act therein named to Blackford and Jay ties; amending chapters 8 and 28 of revised statutes o '43, relative to the recorders; declaring G. W. Bowers successor to William Hoyt in office of Madison county; striking

out part of section 2, chapter 63 of revised statutes of '43,

relative to the New Albany and Salem Railroad Company;

[Mr. Donham moved to amend by requiring that no ex-tension of the work shall be made beyond Salem, unless that town be made a point in said extension. Mr. Dunham said that the citizens of Salem had subscribed about fifty thousand dollars towards the construc-

But this bill allows the company to make branches, and by passing to the right or left, or both in the vicinity of Salem they may cut off from it nearly all that trade which bill reducing the salary of the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal, to the lowest standard provided for by the act of should go directly north of that town, this would be the case, and to protect its interests, and to preserve the very objects for which the stock was subscribed, he offered this Mr. Windstandley remarked that New Albany had subscribed about two hundred thousand dollars worth of stock.

and it was not the wish of that interest to refuse a compliance with the provisions of that charter, for they proposed making Salem a point in the road. All that was asked was to extend the road wherever the welfare of the company and the good of the community might require. The extension when made might be north of Salem, and if so, he Owensville public house—passed.

It would always be a point in it. But that it has any by Mr. Oth, a bill to provide for the assessment and paycould not concede. Such a provision as that now attempted to be made a part of the bill might be attended with great injury to the company in general, and he could not see upon what principle of justice one point in the road demanded such a sacrifice of the interests of the whole

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certain counties therein named; relative to the county Seminary fund in Tippecanoe; incorporating the Madison Female College; repealing a portion of an act vacating certain alleys in Bioomington; amending the records of the town of Huntington; authorizing the board of commissioners of Cass county to employ physicians for the paupers of that county; changing the name of the county seat of Martin county authorizing the sale of certain school lands; relative to the town of carrolton in Carroll county; incorporating the Junction Railroad Company; compelling the trustees of Wabash and Eric canal to allow interest on scrip; on the subject of locating land warrants; locating State road in Posey and Vanderburgh Counties; relative to the time of reporting to the legislature; vacating a road in Laporte county; correcting a misprint in a certain act therein named; authorizing Isaac Hefner to build a dam over the Salamonia river; for the benefit of Lawrenceburgh township in Dearborn county; authorizing the auditor of Laporte county to borrow money; for levying a road tax in St. Joseph county; incorporating the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine Railroad; amending 137th section of article 3, chapter 45 of the revised statutes of '43; changing the mode of electing county commissioners in Pike county; incorporating the Kosciusko and Peru Railroad Company.

The House adjourned.

was lost, ayes 15, noes 31.

cial committee-concurred in.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, February 4, 1848. Leave being granted, Mr. Murray introduced a resolution authorizing the Secretary of State, to employ two assistants clerks until the end of the session, for the purpose of enrolling bills of the present General Assembly, which was adopt-

Mr. Miller moved a reconsideration of the vote; which

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Coats, Marsh and Winchell, which were referred to appropriate committees. Reports from Standing Committees. Mr. Winchell reported back House bill no 38, asking its reference to the committee on roads-the report was con-

carried in and the bill referred. Also a bill regulating the signing of bills of exceptions by judges of circuit courts, recommending its passage, concurred in and the bill engrossed.

Mr. McCarty reported back a bill amending an act to pro-vide for the election of Prosecuting Attornies by the people of the different counties. Several amendments were offered, when Mr. Miller moved to lay the report on the table; which carried, ayes 23, noes

Also against the prayer for the relief of E. J. Liston, which was concurred in. Mr. Orth reported against further legislation on a bill alowing prosecuting attornies additional fees-concurred in.

Also a bill for the relief Dorothy Owen, engrossed. Also against further legislation on a bill confirming the marriage of Thomas and Elizabeth Berry. The report and bill were laid on the table. Also House bill amending an act defining the duties of county Treasurers, recommending its reference to the finan-

Also a bill to amend the law relative to the action of waste with an amendment which was concurred in and the bill engrossed. Also recommending that the bill dissolving the bonds of matrimony between Wm. Kaughman and his wife, be laid on

Also against further legislation on House bill declaring the meaning of certain parts of the revised statutes-concurred Also a bill to declare a misprint in the Statutes of 1843, relative to probate practice, recommending its passage-con-

curred in and the bill engrossed. Also against further action on a bill to amend the law-The report and bill were laid on the table. Also an act for the telief of the heirs of John Whitley, with an amendment which was concurred in and the bill en-

Mr. Murphy reported back a bill concerning the probate of last wills and testaments-engrossed. Also reported back a bill for the relief of Margaret Wade, ecommending its passage, which was concurred in and the bill engrossed.

Also reported back a bill in relation to proceedings and suits in chancery, recommending its indefinite postponement; concurred in Also reported back House bill entitled an act to authorize the Dearborn probate court, to make certain decrees in chan-

cery, recommending its passage-engrossed. Also reported back a bill authorizing Executors, Administrators and Guardians, to make deeds in certain cases, recommending its passage-concurred in and the bill engross-

Also reported back House bill relative to probate judges in the county of Porter, without amendment, concurred in and the bill engrossed. Also reported back House bill regulating agencies of foreign insurance companies—engrossed.

Also recommending the indefinite postponement off bill

exempting certain property from execution, concurred in.

Mr. Cassatt reported back House bill to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of purchasers of canal lands which was referred to the committee on Finance. Mr. Davis moved to reconsider the vote, refusing to concur in the amendment of the House, to a bill incorporating

the Salem and New Albany railroad company-which carried. Mr. Davis then moved to concut in the amendment of the House, and offered an amendment to the House amendment which was adopted. Mr. Robinson reported back a bill for the relief of John S.

Watts, which was read three times and passed. Mr. Miller reported against legislating on the petition of Bio Joseph praying for an appropriation for the purpose of enabling him to publish a work on the culture of the grape By Mr. Miller, a bill authorizing the construction of plank

Mr. Houghton reported back a bill to incorporate the Mooresville Branch railroad company, which was read a third time and passed. Mr. Henry reported a bill to authorize the people of Lafayette and other counties, to elect their seminary trustees, which on its third reading passed. Reports from Select Committees.

By Mr. Ellis, in relation to the bonds surrendered to the State by the bondholders now to the hands of the State Agent, stating that they found all correct with a few exceptions of an important character. By Mr. Holloway, against further investigation of the offiial conduct of the Secretary of State, concurred in. By Mr. Martin, against granting the prayer of certain pe-

titioners of Lagrange county, for the repeal of a law making Goshen in said county a point in the Buffalo and Mississippi ailroad which was concurred in. By Mr. Milligin, a bill to incorporate the Granville and Wabash railroad company-read a first time.

Mr. Montgomery made a report in relation to the side cuts in the Wabash and Erie canal, at Williamsport and Independence, and the pretence set up by the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal, that the side cuts could not be constructed for the want of sufficient water. The report states that in the opinion of the committee there is sufficient water, and that the trustees should be held to a strict construction of the contract, and be compelled to make the side cuts.

Mr. Millikin said, being one of the committee from which the report emanated, he deemed it his duty to make a brief statement. He had never read the report, nor examined the subject on which it treated. So far as the report impugned the motives of the trustees, he entirely dissented. He was well acquainted with one of the trustees (Mr. Palmer,) who he was sure would not attempt to array one portion of the State against another, for the purpose of securing the bond-holders from the performance of their contract. He understood the report of the trustees to say that Mr. Williams had, after examination, decided that if the side cuts were made, it would endanger the navigation of a portion of the canal certain seasons of the year, on account of insufficiency of water. Now if this be the fact, it would be suicidal to the interest of the State to make the side cuts, but if, on the other hand, there be a sufficiency of water for the side cuts, and to supply the canal at all seasons of the year, he was for compelling the company to live up to their agreement. He had not examined the subject, and did not profess to understand it very well. Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Several bills of the House were taken up on their first reading, and ordered to second reading on to-morrow. House Bills passed.

A Bill of the House abolishing the office of School Commissioner in the county of St. Joseph, and to transfer the doties of his office to the county Treasurer. A Bill to vacate an alley in Cambridge City.

A Bill to authorize the alteration of a certain road

therein named.

A Bill to improve the reads in the county of Switzer-A Bill to authorize Gen. John G. Johnson, of Owen county, to correct a mistake in a certain deed. An act to change the location of a certain State road in the county of Jackson.

An act to incorporate the Council Grove Minute Men. Bill to change a certain road in Jackson county.
Bill to locate a certain State road in Bartholomey Bill to locate a State road in the counties of Clay and

Bill to locate a State road in the counties of Allen and A Bill in relation to the fees of the Treasurer of Owen county in certain cases.

A Joint Resolution of the House returning thanks to Captains Smonson and Ford, and accepting the armor, books, and picture sent by Capt. Simonson as a present to the State, and ordering them to be placed in the State

Library, ras taken up and read.

Mr. Winchell moved to amend the resolution by authorizing the Librarian to give the picture (one of St. Simon de Cassis) to the Roman Catholic church in this

A message from the House containing House bill to organize the militia of the State of Indiana was read. Mr. Barbour moved to reject the bill; which was carried-ayes 28, noes 18. On leave granted, Mr. Handy introduced a bill to amend an act entitled, Au act to amend an act authorizing Jeseph Quinn and James Norval to erect a toll bridge. A Bill to incorporate the Clay Cotton Mill Company wis takes up and read a first and second time. Amend-

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Messrs. Barbour, Berry, Coats, Day, Davis, English, Ellis, Green, Hamrick, Handy, Hardin, Henry, Howell, Houghton, Hubbard, Huffstetter, James, Malott, Marsh, Martin, Miller, Milligan Millikin, Montgomery, Morrison, Murray, Randall, Read, Rosseau, Stewart, Taber, Waters, and Zenor—33.

Noes-Messrs. Chenowith, Conduitt, Conner, Cornett,

Goodenow, Holloway, Murphy, Orth, Osborn, Robinson, Simpson, Verbrike, and Winchell-13.

tion, which was seconded; and the question put on the engrossment of the bill, and carried—ayes 25, noes 19.
Senaté adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, February 4, 1848.

ments were offered by Messrs. Stewart and Henry, con-

taining the individual liability clause. Some discussion followed, when Mr. Winchell moved the previous ques-

Bills passed. For the relief of S. & J. Bottorf; relocating part of the State road from Harrison to Indianapolis; repealing an act for the election of supervisors; locating a State road in Posey county; also in Carroll and White counties; incorporating the Crossplains and Madison turnpike company; incorporating the - Evangelical Lutheran Church: locating a State road in Madison and Hamilton counties; declaring a misprint in the local laws of 1847 for the county of Perry; changing the name of Milissa Davis to Emeline Miller; for a mill dam over White river; incorporating the Iroquoise Navigation company; authorizing a certain change in the Strawtown and Peru State road; legalizing the a-signment certain school land certificate; authorizing the sate of certain town lots therein named; authorizing a mill dam over White river in Hamilton county; repealing a part of an act therein named, relative to the State bank; vacaring certain enlargements of the city of Evansville; authorizing a

State road from Bedford to Columbus. A joint resolution inviting Gen. Taylor to visit the State. Those voting in the affirmative, were, Messis, Albin, Armstrong, Baldwin, Blythe, Bowling, Brown, Bryant, Coble, Coffin, Cole, Colip, Commons, Cookerly, Criswell, Dimmett, Dole, Daugherty, Doyle, Frazier, Fuller. Gooding, Gordon, Graham, Hankins, Harding, Harvey, Hetfield, Huddie-ston, Hull, Hunt, Kinney, Litchteberger, Little, Lockwood, McConnell, McCormick, McKinzie, Meredith, Miller, Mur-rison, Nimmons, Orr, Orton, Parker, Prather, Richmond, Robnson, Sackett, Stanton, Swihart, Terry, Thompson of C., Thompson of G., Widney, Williams of K., Williams of M., nd Mr. Speaker, 57.

Those voting in the negative Messrs. Campbell, Carr, Covngton, Davis, Dobson, Dunham, Ford, Goodman, Hall, Harlan, Holden, Jones of B., Jones of S., Kennard, Lane, Major, May, McDonald of A., McDonald of L., Neal, Norris, Ruon, Short, Slater, Smiley, Sullivan, Tinbrook, Trimbly, Winstandley and Wolfe, 30. Mr. Neal said he believed that the report of Gen. Taylor

did much injustice to the brave and noble volunteers of the

State of Indiana. He wished to see that report corrected, and until it is so corrected, he could not consistently consent to vote for the resolution; therefore he would vote no. A bill legalizing the acts of Michael Shiel, justice of the peace in Hamilton county; authorizing county auditors to make deeds in certain cases; reducing the fees of recorder in Delaware county; incorporating the town of Muncie; amending the act for the benefit of persons likely to suffer by the burning of records of Miami county; incorporating a steam mill in Franklin county; locating a State road in Ripley county; vacating a street in - Laporte county; amending the charter of the Indiana Medical College; repealing an act allowing owners of fences to renew the same ; regulating the sale of spirituous liquous in Floyd county. Mr. Litttle moved to amend by saying the majority of vo-

Mr. Winstandley thought it strange here should be intermeddling in the matter-it was a local matter-it was a matter between him and his constituents; he desired a vote to be taken direct—the bill was passed

Mr. Lane asked leave to introduce a joint resolution demanding from Gen. Taylor justice to the Indiana regiment in the battle of Buena Vista. Leave given, and the resolution was refered to a select committee of six-said committee consists of Messis. Lane, Dunham and Mr. McDonald of L. democrats, and Blythe,

Kinney chairman and Harvey whigs. A bill relative to the incorporation of Michigan city; authorizing the clerk of Sullivan county to make a certain deed; relative to the probate court of Putnam county; for the relief of Robert Brown and others in Clinton county : & joint resolution on the subject of mileage.

Petitions, Remonstrances &c. introduced. By Mr. Bowling for a change in a State road in Clay county; by Mr. Thompson of G., of citizens of the State of Illinois against right of way, to railroad from Vincennes to Terre Haute; by Mr. Lane, of Charles Jolly and Thomas Harget in reference to the license laws; by Mr. McConnell, in reference to the company for the navigation of the Iro-quoise river; by Mr. Coble, of citizens of Crawfo d county, to amend the laws that Crawford county may have a distinct representative; by same relative to the circuit court of Crawford county; by Mr. Litchteberger, in seference to homesteads; by Mr. Hamilton, for the sepeal of laws confining voters to their respective townships in Decatur county; by Mr. Orton, relative to the repeal of the license laws of Marion county; Mr. Harden moved to lay it on the table -carried; by Mr. Slates, of a remonstrance against the petition presented by Mr. Lane, relative to the license laws; by Mr. McDonald of A., of Jonathan Gardner: by Mr. Doughesty, of commissioners of State Prison; by Mr. Cole, for the removal of land office to Peru; by Mr. Kennaid, relative to the Lafayette State road, and by others which were each refered to the appropriate committees.

And the House adjourned. SENATE CHAMBER, Feb. 1, 1848. Reporter of the Sentinel : I see that you report Mr. Coats as introducing bills in the Senate for the relief of Mr. Siler, for the incorporation of the Mooresville Branch Rail Road Company, and one in relation to water power at the feeder dam in Morgan county. These bills were introduced by myself, and my con-

stituents would think it strange if their business had to be attended to by another member. Will you please correct!

A. B. CONDUITT.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, Feb. 4th, 4847. Messrs. Chapmans & Spann .- Sirs: I see by your paper of the 3d inst, when a "bill incorporating the Terre Haute, Vincennes and Evansville railroad' being on its second reading and under consideration, Mr. Miller moved to refer said bill with instructions to the committee on corporations-which no doubt was an unintentional error: said motion to refer was made by me and not by Mr. Miller. You will please to publish this correction in your paper and oblige me.

F. MILLS. INTERESTING ANNUNCIATION. - A full meeting of the republican members of both houses of Congress was held to-night in the capitol. A report from the joint committee of both houses, appoited a former meeting, was made, recommending to the republican party to hold the national convention for the nomination of President and Vice President, at the usual time and place, viz: at Baltimore, on the fourth Monday in May. Motions were successively made to substitute Cincinnati as the place, and the 4th of July as the time of meeting; both of which were rejected. And then the original report of the joint committee was unanimously adopted; and the meeting adjourned at an earley hour in the best of feeling and spirits. We avoid further details, because an official account of the proceedings is directed to be published in the dem-

It begins to be time to organize the party, and prepare for the approaching campaign. We take it for granted that the nominee of the national convention will meet with the undivided support of the democratic party. Of the result we do not permit ourselves to entertain a doubt. We never entertained a more confident conviction of the success of the democratic candidate. We cannot be defeated by any man, or any combination-by any coalition or any casts of characters-let the whig candidates be who they may -with discretion and energy, union of council, and firmness of principle on the part of the republicans .-Washington Union, 24th.

DISMISSAL OF MR. TRIST .- The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger states that Mr. Trist is about to be dismissed from the State Department, and Mr. Appleton, now chief clerk of the Navy Department, appointed in his place. The reason assigned for this movement is, that Mr. Trist has transcended his powers as peace commissioner in

A MARRIAGE.-The daughter of Col. Benton (Sarah) was on Monday married to Mr. Jacob of Louisville. The sister of Mr. Jacob was married to a son of Mr. Clay. Mr. Clay was at the wedding.

THE IRISH FAMINE.-Mr. H. Grattan, in a speech made in Parliament in November, said that one hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred and twentynine persons had starved to death in the late famine

-I regret that it is my duty to inform you that two Congressmen are dead. The Hon. John Davis, Senator from Massachusetts, is dead. Also, Ex-Speaker John W. Jones of Virginia.

Two Congressmen Dead .- Philadelphia, Feb. 1. Mr. Millikin moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question being put on the adop-